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Please add claims 2 through 18 as follows:

2. The floor cleaning device of claim 1 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

3. The floor cleaning device of claim 1 wherein said base includes a cam member, wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said base upon said slide latch engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base.

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4. The floor cleaning device of claim 3 including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said duct.

5. The floor cleaning device of claim 4 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between said nozzle assembly and said duct.

6. The floor cleaning device of claim 3 wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

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7. The floor cleaning device of claim 1 wherein said base has a rib formed thereon, said slide latch including a hook portion, wherein said hook portion engages said rib to secure said nozzle assembly to said base upon said slide latch sliding through said channel a predetermined distance.

8. An improved floor cleaning device comprising:
a base for movement along a surface, said base including a rib formed thereon;
a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;
said nozzle assembly including a slide latch, said slide latch including a hook portion; and
wherein said hook portion engages said rib to secure said nozzle assembly to said base upon said slide latch sliding translationally a predetermined distance.

9. The floor cleaning device of claim 8 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

10. The floor cleaning device of claim 8 wherein said base includes a cam member, wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said base upon said slide latch engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base.

11. The floor cleaning device of claim 10 including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said duct.

12. The floor cleaning device of claim 11 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between said nozzle assembly and said duct.

13. The floor cleaning device of claim 10 wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

14. An improved floor cleaning device comprising:
a base for movement along a surface, said base including a cam member;
a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;
said nozzle assembly including a slide latch; and
wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said base upon said slide latch slidably engaging said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base.

15. The floor cleaning device of claim 14 wherein said nozzle assembly

includes a squeegee attached thereto.

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16. The floor cleaning device of claim 14 including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said duct.

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17. The floor cleaning device of claim 16 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between said nozzle assembly and said duct.

18. The floor cleaning device of claim 14 wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

REMARKS:

Claims 2 through 18 have been added. Applicant has enclosed a substitute drawing of figure 24 to correct a minor error. In particular, reference number 503 has been substituted for 507 and a missing lead line has been added for reference number 519. This is consistent with the language of the specification on page 25, lines 15 to 16 which mentions that:

"In particular, u-shaped locking tabs 503 integrally formed on the upper cover 504 engage catches 505 formed on the lower cover 506."